

Application Serial No. 10/825,453

REMARKS

The specification has been amended at page 1 by inserting the missing application serial numbers and filing dates. A spelling error has been corrected at page 13, paragraph 44.

The claims have been amended for purposes of clarity. In addition, the independent claims have been amended by incorporating the subject matter of claim 2 therein. Claim 2 has thereby been cancelled.

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

Review and reconsideration on the merits are further requested.

The Disclosure has been objected to for various informalities. In response, Applicants have inserted the missing application serial numbers and filing dates on page 1, and corrected the spelling error on page 13. Withdrawal of the objection to the Disclosure is requested.

The claims have been objected to for various informalities. In response, Applicants have made the amendments requested by the Examiner. Withdrawal of the objection to the claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over Fukuda in view of Viswanathan, et al. In response, Applicants traverse the rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that neither reference teaches or suggests the claimed amount of polyaniline dispersion. In view of the fact that neither reference teaches or suggests the use of the claimed amount of polyaniline dispersion, Applicants submit that one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to use the claimed amount, absent some teaching or suggestion in the references. Therefore, Applicants submit that the present claims, as amended, are not obvious in view of the cited combination. Accordingly, Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over Fukuda in view of Viswanathan, et al.

Claims 5, 6, 8, 11 and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over Fukuda in view of Viswanathan, et al. as applied to claims 1 and 19 above, and further in view of Yu, et al. In response, Applicants traverse the rejection.

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Applicants point out that the rejected dependent claims depend from claim 1, which now includes the claimed amount of polyaniline dispersion. Claim 20 further includes the claimed amount of polyaniline dispersion. Applicants submit that none of the references alone, or in combination, teach the claimed amount of polyaniline dispersion. Therefore, because none of the references teach or suggest all the elements of the claims, Applicants submit that the present claims are not rendered obvious in view of the cited combination. Applicants submit that absent some teaching or suggestion, one of ordinary skill would not have been motivated to use the claimed amount of polyaniline dispersion. Accordingly, applicants request withdrawal of the rejection of the claims in view of the cited combination.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 2-4, 7, 9, 10 and 12-18 contain allowable subject matter.

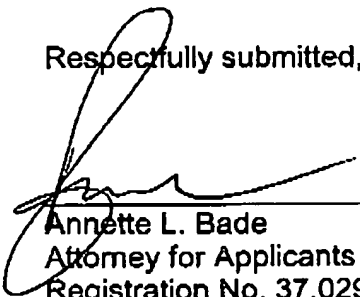
In view of the above arguments and amendments, Applicants submit that all claims should now be in condition for allowance. Early indication of allowability is respectfully requested.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney (or agent) hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, s/he is hereby authorized to call Applicant's Attorney, Annette L. Bade, at telephone number (310) 333-3682.

Respectfully submitted,

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